

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 16

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. Provides for education for trustees of certain public retirement system boards. (8/31/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:185(D)(2), (3), and (5), relative to public retirement systems;  
3 to provide relative to boards of trustees; to provide for educational requirements for  
4 members of such boards; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 11:185(D)(2), (3), and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 §185. Educational requirements for members of retirement system boards of trustees

11 A. \* \* \*

12 D.(1) \* \* \*

13 (2) For each system to which the provisions of this Section apply, every  
14 member of the board of trustees and every designee of a member shall complete  
15 continuing education or professional development training during each twelve-month  
16 period from September first to August thirty-first as provided in this Subsection. By  
17 October fifteenth of each year, the board of trustees of each system to which this

Section applies shall submit to the House and Senate committees on retirement a letter stating whether or not each member of that board has met the requirements of this Section in the previous twelve-month period and giving the date or dates upon which the required training hours were completed by each member.

(3) Each year, any member to whom this Section applies shall attend at least eight hours of investment training, ~~two~~ **four** hours of actuarial science information education, ~~one hour~~ **two hours** of education regarding the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to his system, and ~~one hour~~ **two hours** of instruction on fiduciary duty and ethics. These training hours may be conducted by the staff of the respective retirement systems or by outside experts. Two or more systems may combine any such training. Any member who is elected or appointed to the board for the first time on or after June first shall only be required to comply with the provisions of Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

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(5) Additionally, no new board member to whom this Section applies shall be permitted to vote on any matter until he has completed **the fiduciary and ethics requirement and** one hour of education in each of the ~~four~~ **other** required areas.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on August 31, 2012; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on August 31, 2012, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Laura Gail Sullivan.

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#### DIGEST

Cortez (SB 16)

Present law provides educational requirements for members of the boards of trustees of the following Louisiana public retirement systems:

1. The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System.
2. The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
3. The Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System.

4. The State Police Pension and Retirement System.
5. The Assessors' Retirement Fund.
6. The Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund.
7. The District Attorneys' Retirement System.
8. The Firefighters' Retirement System.
9. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System.
10. The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.
11. The Parochial Employees' Retirement System.
12. The Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.
13. The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.
14. Harbor Police Retirement System.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that for each system to which the provisions of present law apply, every member of the board of trustees shall complete continuing education or professional development training during each 12-month period from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Proposed law specifies that designees of members shall complete the continuing education requirements.

Present law further provides that by October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, the board of trustees of each system shall submit to the House and Senate committees on retirement a letter stating whether or not each member of that board has met the requirements of present law in the previous 12-month period and giving the date or dates upon which the required training hours were completed by each member.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that each year, each member shall attend a prescribed number of hours of investment training; actuarial science information education; education regarding the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to his system; and instruction on fiduciary duty and ethics.

Present law requires each board member to attend eight hours of investment training.

Proposed law retains present law and increases the required hours in the other areas as follows:

Actuarial science from two to four.

System laws, rules, and regulations from one to two.

Fiduciary duty and ethics from one to two.

Present law provides that no board member shall receive per diem during any calendar year unless and until he has completed the fiduciary and ethics requirement and at least one hour each of investment, actuarial science, and legal education in the current 12-month cycle.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that no new board member shall be permitted to vote on any matter until he has completed one hour of education in each of the four required areas.

Proposed law provides that no new board member shall be permitted to vote on any matter until he has completed the fiduciary and ethics requirement and one hour of education in each of the other required areas.

Effective August 31, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 11:185(D)(2), (3), and (5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Retirement to the original bill.

1. Specifies that designees of trustees shall complete the required continuing education.